



**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
GOOGLE HANGOUT - VIRTUAL
APRIL 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER -4:00 PM

President Jon Van Overbeke called this meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Present: **Board:** Jon VanOverbeke, DixieBrackman, Abbie Wernerl, Ryan Fuhrman, Joseph Martinez, Alan Buss, Christa Buhler, Astrid Northup, Mariah Learned **Staff:** Brendan O'Connor, Trisha Wright, Jillian Reagan; **Attorney General's Office:** Catherine Reeves; **Guests:** Shelley Hamel (WDE), Nick Bellack (ETS) and Jacob McIntrye (Casper College)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
 2. Approval of Minutes - January 29, 2024
 3. License Ratification
- Moved by Mariah Learned to accept and approve all items listed on the consent agenda as presented
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed

DISCIPLINARY

- Docket 2023-024 - Moved to approve the Dismissal by Alan Buss
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Recused from voting Mike Hamel and Joseph Martinez
 - Motion approved
- Docket 2024 - Moved to approve the Dismissal by Alan Buss
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Recused from voting Mike Hamel and Joseph Martinez
 - Motion approved.

RULES CHANGES

- Director O'Connor informed the board that Chapters 4, 5, and 6 were signed on January 31, 2024, and went into effect that day.
- Director O'Connor provided a brief overview of the changes made in Chapter 1, which will incorporate the A&I and OAH rules by reference.

- Alan Buss moved to accept the proposed revisions to Chapter 1 and to continue the promulgation process of the rules.
- Seconded by Abbie Werner
- Motion passed
- Director O'Connor outlined the proposed changes to Chapter 2, including the updated fees for the Apprenticeship permit.
 - Moved by Mariah Learned to approve the proposed revisions of Chapter 2 and to continue the rules promulgation process
 - Seconded by Ryan Fuhrman
 - Motion passed

PROGRAM APPROVALS

Director O'Connor provided an overview of the work done reviewing these program approvals. The programs listed below have been reviewed and are ready for the board to approve.

- Dixie Brackman moved to grant continued approval to the Modern Languages endorsement program at the University of Wyoming until the following program review scheduled for the 2030-2031 academic year.
 - Seconded by Ryan Fuhrman
 - Motion passed
- Joseph Martinez moved to grant continued approval to the Middle-Level Sciences endorsement program at the University of Wyoming until the following program review scheduled for the 2030-2031 academic year.
 - Seconded by Abbie Werner
 - Motion passed
- Christa Buhler moved to grant conditional approval to the Social Studies endorsement program at the University of Wyoming. The program will submit a report to the Board during the 2026-2027 academic year addressing how the concerns raised in the report have been addressed.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed
- Joseph Martinez moved to grant conditional approval to the Career Technical Education (CTE) endorsement programs at Casper College until the following program review scheduled for the 2027-2028 academic year.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed
- Joseph Martinez moved to grant conditional approval to the Career Technical Education (CTE) endorsement programs at Casper College until the following program review is scheduled for the 2027-2028 academic year.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman

Recused from participation: Alan Buss

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Chairman VanOverbeke asked Mr. Nick Bellack to discuss the changes to some of the Praxis tests and titles. Mr. Bellack stated both tests will be available until September 2024. Mr. Bellack explained the changes to the following tests:

- Social Studies 5581 has a new passing score of 153
- Technology and Engineering Education 5053 has a new passing score of 157
- Family and Consumer Science 5123 has a new passing score of 151
- Ryan Fuhrman moved to adopt the following Praxis test with passing scores: Technology & Engineering Education 5053 with a passing score of 157, Family & Consumer Sciences 5123 with a passing score of 151, Social Studies 5581 with a passing score of 153
 - Seconded by Mariah Learned
 - Motion passed

DISCUSSION ITEM

Director O'Connor discussed a Rural Certificate option. It was explained that the certificate would act like an at-risk endorsement rather than a Consultant Specialist. This idea triggered some questions, such as how many schools in Wyoming are considered rural?

- Is there a definition of a Rural school?
 - Fewer than 49 students
- What if a teacher moves?
- How will it impact current teachers?

The board members also learned that UW has a Rural program that provides education on how to teach in a rural school. The board will discuss this further at the June board meeting.

DIRECTOR REPORT

- Director O'Connor updated the board on the RFP situation for the new licensing system. It was mentioned that ETS is trying to merge one platform for all state agencies, which brings concern.
- Director O'Connor mentioned that the Assistant Director position has been open since March. He has received 65 applications thus far and plans to begin the interview process shortly.
- Director O'Connor provided information on the Board Member Training, which will be held on May 10, 2024, from 8:30 to 4:30, in person or virtually. This year, our own Catherine Reeves will host the training. Director O'Connor will e-mail the invite to anyone interested.
- Director O'Connor reported the PTSB financials and workshops, noting that 2023 was the top year within the last five years.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

- Moved to approve the proposed date of June 2, 2023, for the next scheduled boarding by Dixie Brackman
 - Seconded by Ryan Fuhrman
 - Motion passed

Adjournment at 5:04 PM